

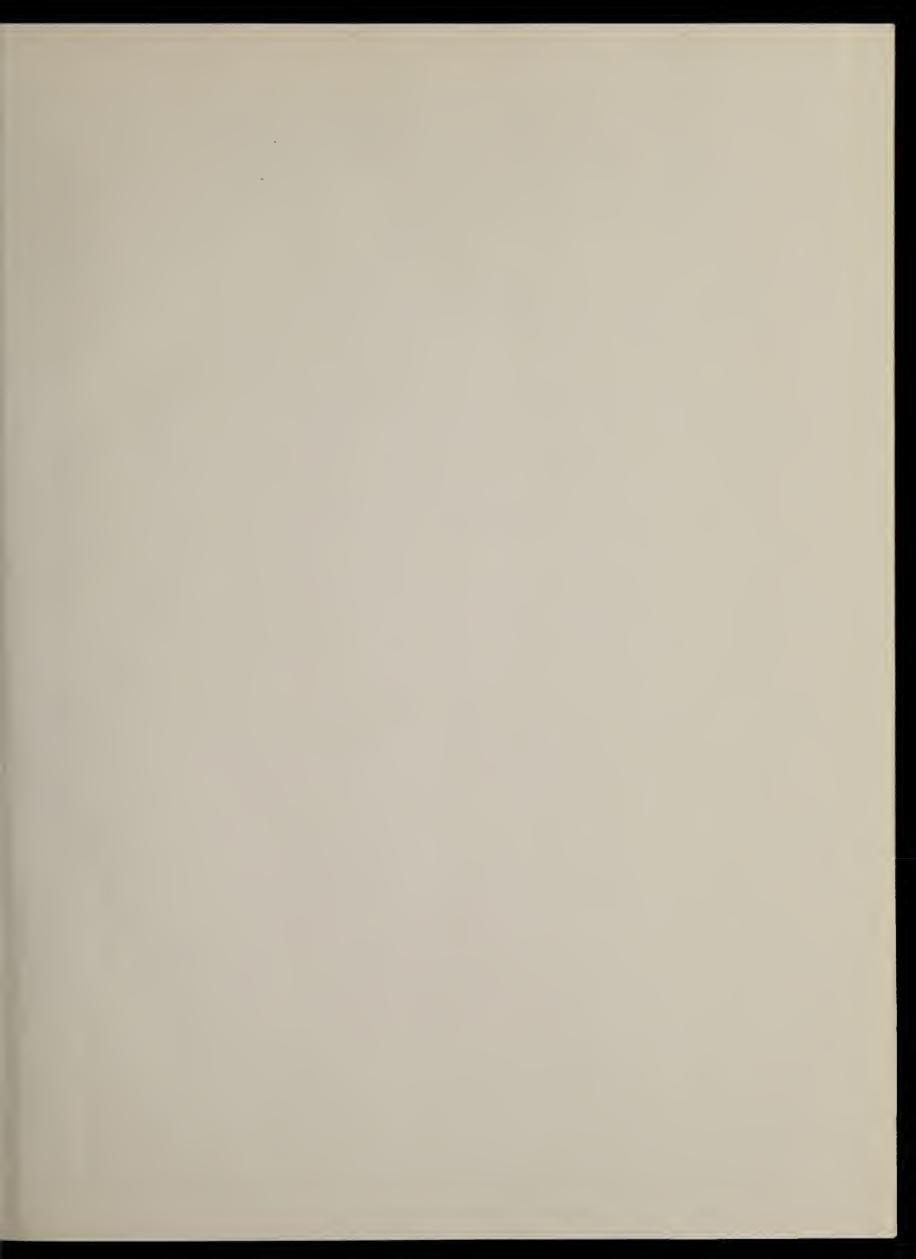
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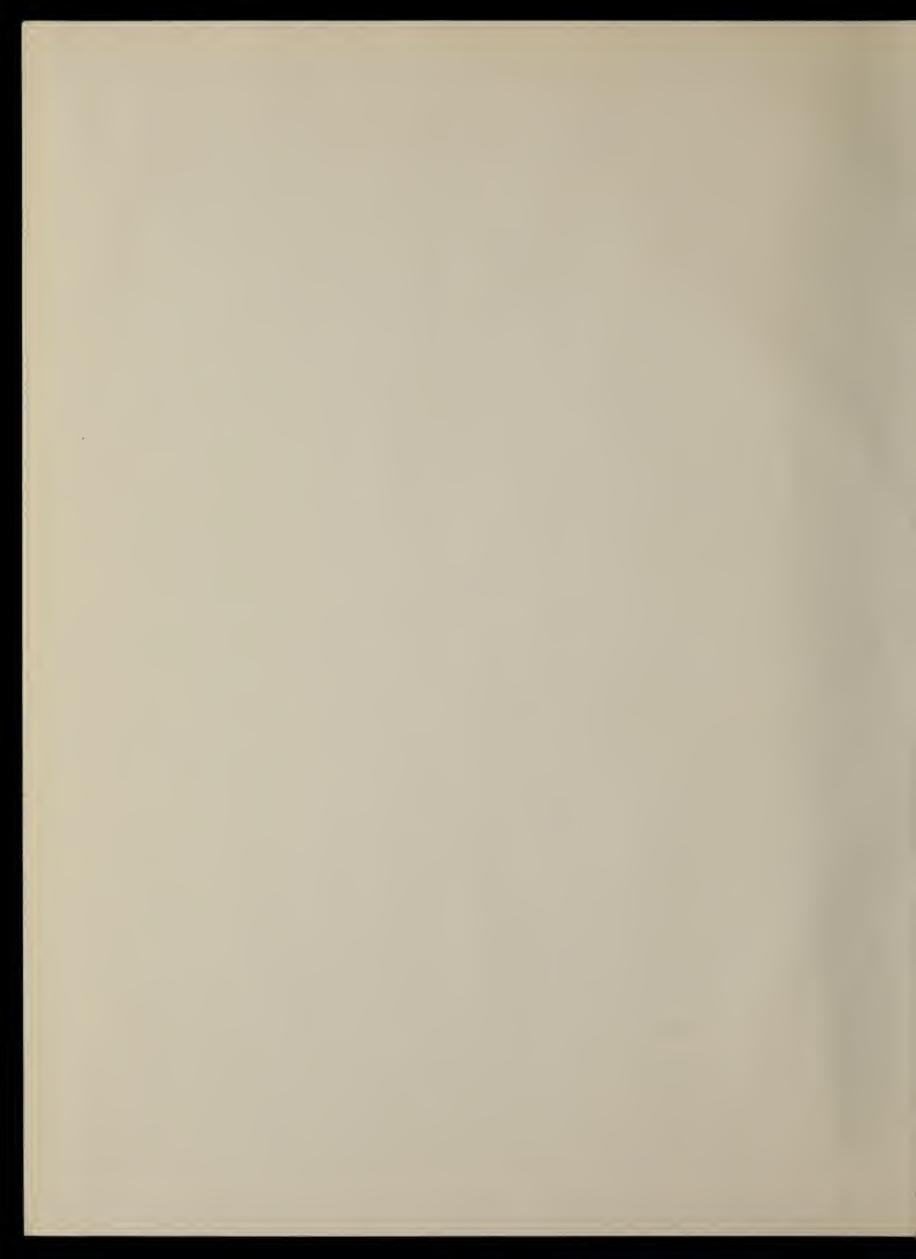
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NOTES ON

HIRAM H. HALCOMB

(1789-1869)

OF

CASWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

ROBERTSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE,

LOGAN AND SIMPSON COUNTIES, KENTUCKY,

AND HIS 16 CHILDREN

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An account of the Hiram Halcomb family is given in McPherson's <u>The Holcombes. Nation Builders</u> (1947). Shields in <u>The Descendants of William and Sarah (Poe) Herndon</u> (1956) sets out the lineage of Hiram Halcomb's first wife, but gives a record of only one of their fifteen children.

Discrepancies between the following account of the Halcomb family and that of McPherson and Shields have not been noted.

Considering that Hiram Halcomb lived in four counties in three states, married three times and had sixteen children, lived past the age of 79 years and was a man of some means, it was disappointing not to find more records of him. Since the Simpson County, Ky. courthouse burned in 1882, one can only speculate as to how many deeds Hiram Halcomb was a party to there, and whether or not he left a Will.

When this record was begun in 1958, it was only intended to correct the names of the parents of Hiram Halcomb and his year of birth, and to supplement the data printed in McPherson on my own ancestors (Hiram Halcomb and his first wife, Isabella West, and their son, Amos Halcomb who married Isabella Catherine W. Sivley). Since then, however, a number of items have been found which should be helpful to a genealogist interested in this generation of the Halcomb family.

It will be noted that three of Hiram Halcomb's children married children of Joseph Sivley of Christian County, Ky. The Sivley records were compiled 1957-59 with Mrs. H. O. Deacon of Pasadena, Calif.

No effort was made to find land records, except for Hiram Halcomb and his children who married the Sivley's.

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I recently sent you a copy of "Notes on Hiram H.

Halcomb (1789-1869) ... " (51 pp. & index, mimeographed).

Will you please add the two pages enclosed, so that they will follow the unnumbered page which begins, "An account of the Hiram Halcomb family ..."

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After "Notes on Hiram H. Halcomb ..." had been distributed, the Will of Hiram Halcomb, copied below, was sent to me by Mrs. Frank Shoup of Ripley, Okla., granddaughter of Isabella (Halcomb) McCormick. The copy of this Will, made for Mrs. McCormick, was found among her family papers.

In the name of God, Amen. I Hiram Halcomb of the Town of Franklin Simpson County State of Kentucky, being of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

That is to say first; after all my lawful debts are paid off and discharged, the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows: To MY BELOVED WIFE one third part of the land on which I lately resided, including all the buildings and orchard, the dividing line to commence at Geo Dawson's corner betwixt him and myself thence south to my four acre lot, thence with that fence east or nearly so to a pair of Draw Bars, another four acre lot thence south to the bank of Spring Creek Having heretofore given to my son GEORGE HALCOMB five hundred & ninety eight dollars To my son AMOS four hundred and seventy seven dollars, To my daughter FRANCES HERNDON twelve hundred and fourteen dollars worth of property; to SALLY SIVELY (now deceased) eleven hundred and eighty four dollars in property, To my daughter MARTHA COMPTON twelve hundred and eighty eight dollars in property To my daughter ISABELLA McCORMICK twelve hundred and twenty eight dollars in property, To my son HIRAM six hundred and sixty two dollars and forty seven cents in property. To my son WILLIAM two hundred and sixty seven dollars in property, To my son LEONARD two hundred and forty one dollars and 25 cents in property, To my son WARREN eight hundred & twenty eight dollars and 41 cents in money and property, To my son BENJAMIN (now decd) three hundred and twelve dollars & fifty cents in property To my daughter BETTY TRAVIS one thousand dollars in cash To my daughter MARY I give and bequeath the lot where my stables are situated in the town of Franklin and fifteen feet taken off of the lot where I now reside on the north end valued at seven hundred dollars, also I give her my bay horse, worth one hundred and fifty dollars In addition to what I have heretofore given my daughter BETTY TRAVIS I will that she have five hundred dollars more. Having given my daughters more than I have given my sons, I now will that my sons be made equal with my daughters, and all my daughters are to be made equal except BETTY As I am surety for my son GEORGE HALCOMB on his bond as administrator of the ESTATE OF JAMES H. WEST, DECD. I now will and so order that he receive no portion of my estate until said Wests estate is fully settled up and I am released & fully discharged as surety aforesaid, I will and bequeath to my daughter MARY one saddle & bridle worth twenty dollars, and two beds & furniture, & all her unfinished bed clothing. WILLIAM TRAVIS, my son in law heretofore placed in my hands divers notes and accounts due the firms of Travis & Halcomb & Patterson & Travis, now all that remain of these notes and accounts in my hands at the time of my decease, I give and bequeath to said Travis It is further my will and desire that my wife have the use of the house & lot where I now reside (with the exception of the fifteen feet given to MARY) together with all the

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house hold and kitchen furniture during her life time or widowhood I also will her absolutely my gray horse. The balance of my land not willed to my wife, I desire shall be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds distributed in making the amount given my children equal and after that is done, then what remains I want it divided equally among all my children Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my friend WILLIAM PRICE to be Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 13th day March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixty nine.

Hiram Halcomb (seal)

Teste Asbury Dawson Geo. H. Milliken

## CODICIL

I Hiram Halcomb of the Town of Franklin Simpson County, Kentucky, do make and publish the following as a codicil to my last will and testament, -- that is to say -- I now desire to change a devise in my will giving to MY WIFE a portion of my old homestead so as to give to my daughter MARY two lots embraced in the devise to my wife to wit: the lot where I have been in a habit of following? my hogs, and the south half of the lot in which the well is situated It is also my will that MARY have the privilege of getting timber to keep up the fencing round said lots at any point on my land most convenient thereto. The devise in my will bequeathing to my wife my old homestead absolutely I now so far change as to give to her only the right to control & manage the same for her use and benefit during her life time or widowhood and after her death or marriage then to revert to my children equally; I now give to my wife choice of my cows & calves, and also a sow & pigs & also one years provisions In witness I have hereto subscribed my name this 18th day of March 1869

Hiram Halcomb (seal)

Teste Asbury Dawson Geo H. Milliken

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HIRAM HALCOMB (son of George and Sarah (Henderson) Halcomb)1

b. Sept. 21, 1789<sup>2</sup>
Caswell County, N. Car.

d. Mar. 20, 1869 Franklin, Ky.

m. 1st Jan. 18, 1813 Logan County, Ky.

Miss Isabella West

b. May 25, 1798 Logan County, Ky. d. Oct. 16, 1843 Logan County, Ky.

Issue:

George William
Amos
Francis Ann
James A., b. Mar. 5, 1821, no further information
William Milliken
Sarah A.
Hiram
Leonard West

Leonard West Martha Margaret Isabella Thomas Warren Benjamin Franklin

Mary Agnes

Twins, b. July 17, 1842; son d. same day, dau. d. Aug. 4, 1842

m. 2nd Oct. 25, 1844 Logan County, Ky.

Mrs. Frances (Rice) Porter

b. Kentucky

d. Apr. 20, 1847 Logan County, Ky.

Issue:

Elizabeth Burks

m. 3rd Aug. 2, 1848
Simpson County, Ky.

Mrs. Mahala (Wade) Vaughan

b. about 1806
 Maryland

Buried Mar. 12, 1879 Greenlawn Cemetery, Franklin, Ky.

No issue

<sup>1</sup>See Caswell County, N. Car. records on pp. 5-7.

<sup>2&</sup>lt;sub>See</sub> Appendix E.

- 1812 June Hiram Halcomb enlisted for the War of 1812 at Springfield,
  Robertson County, Tenn. 1
  - August Hiram Halcomb was honorably discharged at Springfield, Tenn.

    after serving as a private in Capt. John Crane's Company of the

    Tennessee Rangers, commanded by Brig. Gen. Thomas Johnston.<sup>2</sup>
- 1813 Jan. 18 Hiram Halcomb was married in Logan County, Ky. to Isabella

  West, born May 25, 1798 in Logan County, Ky., daughter of Amos

  and Frances (Herndon) West. 3
- 1815 Oct. 27 Hiram H. Halcomb of Logan County, Ky. bought 50 acres in Logan

  County from Lunsford Powell and his wife, Julia Maria. Consideration, \$200.4
- 1816 July 8 Hiram Halcomb and wife Esabla of Logan County, Ky. sold 75

  acres on the waters of Elk Spring in Logan County to William B.

  Milspaugh. Amos West's corner was mentioned in the description.

  Consideration, \$375.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Enlistment date given as June 5, 1812 in Declaration for Bounty Land and in Widow's Brief (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives); as June 13, 1812 in military service record (Adjutant General of Tennessee).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Discharge date given as Aug. 20, 1812 in Declaration for Bounty Land; as Aug. 22, 1812 in Widow's Brief (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

<sup>3</sup>Marriage record certified by Bailey Gunn, Clerk of Logan County Court, Russellville, Ky.

See Appendix A and E for marriage date of Jan. 21, 1813. Since early Logan County marriage records have been destroyed, it cannot be determined if Jan. 18 was the date of the bond, license and/or marriage.

Elizabeth Weir McPherson, <u>The Holcombes</u>, <u>Nation Builders</u> (Lithographed, 1947), p. 318. Ruth Herndon Shields, <u>The Descendants of William and Sarah (Pce)</u> <u>Herndon of Caroline County</u>, <u>Va. and Chatham County</u>, <u>N. C.</u> (Chapel Hill, N. C.: Privately Printed, 1956), p. 23. "Notes on Amos West (1766-1819) of Summer County, Tennessee and Logan County, Kentucky," comp. Isabel S. Giulvezan (Mimeographed, St. Louis, 1960), p. 15 ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Recorded Oct. 27, 1815, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 7.

<sup>5</sup>Recorded Aug. 19, 1816, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 283.

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- 1816 Aug. 8 William Stewart sold 20 acres in Logan County, Ky. to Hiram

  Holcom of Logan County. Amos West's settlement was mentioned

  in the description. Consideration, \$100.
  - Oct. 29 Hiram Holkum and his wife Isabel, her three brothers, Leonard,

    James and Richard West, and two sisters, Agnes West and Polly,

    wife of William Milligan, were named with others, as the legal

    heirs and representatives of James Herndon, deceased, when John

    Breathitt, Commissioner, conveyed land in Logan County, Ky. on

    the waters of Little Whipperwill to Thomas B. Scott. 2 James

    Herndon, who died in Logan County in 1815, was Isabella

    Halcomb's maternal grandfather. 3
- 1817 Jan. 1 Hiram Halcomb and Leonard E. West witnessed a deed made by

  Amos West of Logan County, Ky., his second wife Ann, and

  William Millikin.4
- Aug. 11 Hiram Halcomb of Logan County, Ky. bought 161 acres on Spring

  Creek of Red River in Logan County from William Holland.

  Consideration, \$1,000.5
- 1819 May 6 Amos West of Logan County, Ky. willed a negro girl to his daughter, Isabel Holkem.<sup>6</sup>
  - Simpson County, Ky. was formed from Logan, Warren and Allen Counties.

Recorded Aug. 8, 1816, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 82.

Recorded July 12, 1837, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. V, p. 231.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Shields, pp. 6-12, 23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Recorded July 3, 1817, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. E, p. 339.

<sup>5</sup>Recorded Oct. 2, 1819, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. G, p. 375.

<sup>6</sup>Logan County, Ky. Will Bk. B, p. 231.

- Hiram Halcomb was enumerated as head of a household when the census was taken in Simpson County, Ky. Living in the household were 2 males under 10 years of age; 1 male, 26-45 and 1 female, 18-26.
- 1822 July 24 Hiram H. Halcomb and wife Isabella of Simpson County, Ky.,

  Isabella's brother, Leonard E. West, and her sisters, Polly

  Milliken, and Agnes, wife of John P. Bush, were named as

  children and heirs of Amos West, deceased, when a parcel of
  land was conveyed to Evan McPherson.<sup>2</sup>
- 1823 Dec. 26 Hiram Halcomb and his wife Isabella, her brothers, Leonard E.,

  James and Richard West, her sisters, Agnes Bush and Polly

  Milliken, were named with others as legal heirs of James

  Herndon, deceased, when land in Logan County, Ky. on the

  waters of Little Whipperwill was conveyed to Jacob Lorrance.<sup>3</sup>
- When the census was taken in 1830, the Hiram Halcomb family was living in Simpson County, Ky. Whites enumerated were:

  Males, 2 under 5 years of age; 1, 5-10; 1, 10-15; 1, 15-20;

  1, 40-50. Females, 1, 5-10; 1, 15-20, and 1, 30-40. Eight slaves were enumerated.
- 1833 Nov. 27 Hiram Halcomb, John W. Hickman and William Phelps, "resident citizens of Logan County, Ky.," made a statement to support the pension application of Nathaniel Powell, who served in the Revolutionary War.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Page 420.

Recorded Nov. 14, 1822, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. K, p. 452.

Recorded Feb. 2, 1824, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. M, p. 268.

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<sup>5</sup>File S15576, Record Group 15A, National Archives.

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Power of Attorney dated Nov. 8, 1836 and deed dated Jan. 4, 1838 from Caswell County, N. Car. records, are copied in full because of their importance in proving the ancestry of Hiram Halcomb.

1836 - Nov. 8 - Know All Men by These Presents That we, Sarah Halcomb, Hiram Halcomb, John Halcomb, Warren Halcomb, Thomas Halcomb, George Halcomb and Reuben P Owen and his wife, Martha, have nominated, constituted and appointed and by these presents do nominate, constitute and appoint Allen Halcomb our true and lawful attorney for us and in our stead to bargain, sell, alien and convey all our right, title and interest in the lands situate lying and being in the County of Caswell, North Carolina of which George Halcomb, late of said County, died seized and possessed (over and above what has been allotted by the mutual agreement of the heirs at law of the said decD. to his widow, Sarah Halcomb, as her dower) and for us and in our names and steads, a good and lawful title to make and secure in fee simple to the same as fully and completely as if we ourselves were to execute and make the same in our own proper persons and we do hereby ratify and confirm whatsoever our said Attorney may lawfully do and execute in the premises.

In Testimony of which we have hereunto affixed our seals and signed our names 8th November, A. D. 1836.

Test: John Kerr, Jnr.

Sarah (X) Halcomb (seal)

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Hiram Halcomb (seal)

John Halcomb (seal)

Warren Halcomb (seal)

Thomas H. Halcomb (seal)

George Halcomb (seal)

Reuben P. Owen (seal)

North Carolina, Caswell County.

The execution of the foregoing deed of Power of Attorney was duly acknowledged before me Thomas Settle one of the Judges of the Superior Court of law and equity in and for the County and State aforesaid Martha H. Owen having been examined by me separately and a part from her husband touching her free assent to the same and she having acknowledged that she executed the same freely and of her own accord and without the constraint of her husband and let the same be registered. This 8th Novr. 1836.

Martha H. Owen

Tho. Settle, I.S.C.L. & E.<sup>2</sup>

lOriginal marriage bond of George Halcomb and Sarah Henderson, dated Dec. 25, 1788 at Caswell County, N. Car. is in the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N. Car.

<sup>2</sup>Recorded Nov. 21, 1836, Caswell County, N. Car. Deed Bk. CC, p. 454.

1838 - Jan. 4 - This Indenture made this 4th day of January, 1838 between Allen Halcomb of the County of Caswell, North Carolina, William Halcomb of Maringo County, Alabama, John Ward and Polly, his wife, of Pike County, Missouri, Hiram Halcomb of Simpson County, Kentucky, John Halcomb of Simpson County, Kentucky, Reuben P. Owen and his wife, Patsy, of Simpson County, Kentucky, Thomas Halcomb of Jefferson County, State of Arkansas and of Warren Halcomb, George Halcomb and Sarah Halcomb of Caswell County, North Carolina of the one part and Robert L. Harrison of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina of the second part.

Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and four dollars and eleven cents by the said Robert L. Harrison in hand paid to the said Allen Halcomb, William Halcomb, John Ward & Polly, his wife, Hiram Halcomb & John Halcomb, Reuben P. Owen & Patsy, his wife, Thomas Halcomb, Warren Halcomb, George Halcomb and Sarah Halcomb, the receipt whereof they hereby acknowledge they the said Allen Halcomb and the others above named of the first part to these presents have and by these presents they do bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto the said Robert L. Harrison, his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Caswell on the waters of Moons Creek containing one hundred and twenty eight and seven tenths acres be the same more or less bounded as follows:

Beginning at a Pine on Harrels line running West 45 chains and fifty links to a Hickory and pointers Warren Halcombs line, thence South fifty two chains and 58 links with said Halcombs line, thence East with Sarah Halcombs dower line to a rock and pointers new corner Harrisons line, thence North fifty two chains and fifty eight links to the beginning, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereon or thereunto belonging.

In Witness Whereof they the said Allen Halcomb, William Halcomb, John Ward & Polly, his wife, Hiram Halcomb, John Halcomb, Reuben P. Owen & Patsy, his wife, Thomas Halcomb, Warren Halcomb,

George Halcomb and Sarah Halcomb have hereunto set their hands the day and year above written.

Test:

(seal) Sarah Halcomb Hiram Halcomb (seal) John Halcomb seal) Warren Halcomb (seal) Thomas Halcomb (seal) George Halcomb (seal) Reuben P. Owen seal) Martha Owen (seal) John Ware (seal) Polly Ware (seal) William Halcomb (seal) Allen Halcomb (seal)

All by Allen Halcomb Their Attorney. Allen Halcomb

State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Caswell County. January Term, 1838
The execution of the foregoing deed was duly acknowledged in open Court by Allen Halcomb and on motion ordered to be registered.

Test: Paul A. Haralson, Clk.

- 1838 Sept. 3 Hiram Halcomb bought 130 acres in the Second Civil District in Robertson County, Tenn., from Thomas Caudill. Consideration, \$200.2
- When the census was taken in 1840, the Hiram Halcomb family was living in Logan County, Ky. Whites enumerated were: Males, 2 under 5 years of age; 2, 10-15; 1, 15-20; 1, 20-30; 1, 50-60. Females, 1 under 5; 2, 5-10, 1, 40-50. Nine slaves were listed, making a total of 20. Twelve people were employed in agriculture; 1 was employed in "learned professions and engineers."

1843 - Oct. 16 - Isabella (West) Halcomb, mother of 15 children, died at the

<sup>1</sup>Recorded Mar. 24, 1838, Caswell County, N. Car. Deed Bk. DD, p. 395.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Recorded Sept. 14, 1841, Robertson County, Tenn. Deed Bk. 4, p. 332. No county of residence was given for the grantee or grantor.

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age of 45.1

- 1844 Oct. 25 Hiram Halcomb was married in Logan County, Ky. to Mrs. Frances
  Porter, <sup>2</sup> a native of Kentucky, <sup>3</sup> "she being of Rice family from
  Caswell Co., N. C., who lived in south part of Logan Co., Ky.
  and adjoining part of Robertson Co., Tenn." <sup>4</sup>
- 1846 May 12 Hiram Halcomb of Logan County, Ky. bought a house and 1/2 acre

  lot in the town of Keysburg, Logan County, from John Chastain

  and his wife, Sarah T. Consideration, \$223.5
  - Aug. 26 Hiram Halcomb of Logan County, Ky. sold 25 acres, 8 poles on Red River in Robertson County, Tenn. to William K. Stone.

    Consideration, \$50.6
  - Aug. 26 Hiram Halcomb of Logan County, Ky. sold 7 acres,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  poles on Red River in Robertson County, Tenn. to John Madole. Consideration, \$50.7
- 1847 Apr. 20 Frances (Rice) Porter-Halcomb died, leaving a daughter Elizabeth

  Burks Halcomb, then less than 2 years of age. 8

lAffidavit of George H. Milliken and Mary A. Justice (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 2, p. 24, record certified by Ruby Flowers, Deputy Clerk, Logan County Court, Russellville, Ky.

The name of Hiram Halcomb's second wife is given as Frances Rice in affidavit of George H. Milliken and Mary A. Justice (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives). Frances (Rice) Porter may have been the widow of William Porter (Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 1, p. 116: William Porter to Frances Price, May 28, 1834).

<sup>31880</sup> census of daughter Bettie Travis of Franklin, Ky. (family 274-306).

<sup>4</sup>McPherson, p. 319.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Recorded May 9, 1848, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. 28, p. 559.

<sup>6</sup>Recorded Nov. 7, 1848, Robertson County, Tenn. Deed Bk. 6, p. 4.

<sup>7</sup>Recorded Jan. 24, 1850, Robertson County, Tenn. Deed Bk. 6, p. 248.

<sup>8</sup>Affidavit of George H. Milliken and Mary A. Justice (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

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- 1848 Aug. 2 Hiram Halcomb was married at Franklin, Ky. to Mrs. Mahala (Wade)

  Vaughan, widow of Elisha B. Vaughan who died in Murfreesboro,

  Tenn. in 1834. 1
  - Dec. 28 Hiram Halcomb of Logan County, Ky. sold 12-3/4 acres on Spring Creek in Logan County, to John Oats. Consideration, \$77.50.<sup>2</sup>
- 1850 Aug. 20 When the census was taken in Logan County, Ky., the Hiram

  Halcomb family (171-177) was enumerated in District 1: Hiram,

  age 59, a farmer, born in North Carolina, owned real estate

  valued at \$3,600. The birthplace of Mahala, age 44, was given

  as Maryland. Kentucky was recorded as the birthplace of

  Leonard, age 21, a farmer; Isabella, 16; Warren, 14; Mary A.,

  10, and Elizabeth, 4. Isabella, Warren and Mary A. had attended

  school within the year. Mary Ragsdale, age 40, born in

  Tennessee, was living with the family. Hiram's son, Benjamin

  Franklin, age 12, born in Kentucky, was enumerated in the household of Agnes A. Eddings (family 173-180).
  - Aug. 19 Hiram Halcomb of District 1, Logan County, Ky. was enumerated Aug. 20

    as the owner of 12 slaves in the slaveowners schedule of the census. 3
  - Dec. 5 Hiram Halcomb and wife Mahala, of Logan County, Ky., sold a 1/2 acre lot in Keysburg, Logan County, to Edwin E. Turner. Consideration, \$300.4

Declaration for Pension of Widow of War of 1812; marriage license certified by A. P. Hammond, Clerk of Simpson County Court, Franklin, Ky.; affidavits made by Ivey J. C. Haynes and Wilson Thomas of Murfreesboro, Tenn. (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

<sup>2</sup>Recorded Apr. 26, 1849, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. 29, p. 189.

<sup>3&</sup>lt;sub>Page</sub> 373.

<sup>4</sup>Recorded Sept. 5, 1851, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. 31, p. 104.

- 1855 Dec. 3 Hiram Halcomb, "aged 66 years, a resident of Robertson County in the State of Tennessee" appeared before Thomas B. Mathews,

  Justice of the Peace of Robertson County, and made Declaration for Bounty Land for his War of 1812 service, "to which he may be entitled under the Act of March 3rd, 1855."
- 1856 July 1 Isabella, daughter of Hiram Halcomb, was married to Walter Bell McCormick "at the house of Hiram Halcomb in Logan County, Ky."<sup>2</sup>
  - Dec. 16 The Department of Interior, Office of Commissioner of Pensions, issued Bounty Land Certificate #49971 for 160 acres to Hiram Halcomb for his military service in the War of 1812. This certificate entitled Hiram Halcomb to locate 160 acres "at any Land Office of the United States, in one body, and in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, upon any of the public lands subject to sale at either the minimum or lower graduated prices."
- 1857 Feb. 28 "For Value received" Hiram Halcomb sold the above Bounty Land

  Certificate to William Hubbard of St. Louis County, Mo. The

  sale was acknowledged in Logan County, Ky. 3
- 1860 July 10 Hiram Halcomb of District 1, Logan County, Ky. was enumerated in the slaveowners schedule of the census as the owner of 17 slaves and 3 slave houses.
  - July 13 The Hiram Halcomb family (621-595) whose post office address

    was Middleton, was enumerated in the census of Logan County, Ky.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives.

<sup>2</sup>Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 2, p. 146.

Records of Interior Branch, Social and Economic Records Division, National Archives.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Page 19 or 377.

District 1, as follows: Hiram, age 70, a farmer, born in North Carolina, owned real estate valued at \$7,300 and personal property valued at \$13,575. Housekeeper was given as the occupation of Mahala, age 54, born in Maryland. Kentucky was recorded as the birthplace of Benjamin, 22, a farm laborer; Mary, 19, a seamstress, and Bettie, 14, who had attended school within the year.

- 1867 Sept. - Hiram Halcomb and wife Mahala of Logan County, Ky. sold  $70\frac{1}{2}$  acres on Spring Creek and branch of North Fork of Red River, in Logan and Simpson Counties, Ky., to George W. Dawson. Consideration, \$3,172.50.
- 1869 Mar. 20 "Hiram Halcomb departed this life March 20th 1869 in hope of a blissful immortality beyond the grave in the 80th year of his age." He died in Franklin, Ky. and was buried in Simpson County in a small cemetery where his son Benjamin Franklin was laid to rest in 1864. The cemetery, on a farm owned since 1930 by Francis Joseph Halcomb, is within 1/2 mile of the home built by Hiram Halcomb, now used as a tenant house. Hiram Halcomb's tombstone has disappeared.

1870 - Aug. 17 - When the census was taken in Simpson County, Ky., Mahala Halcomb (family 45-45) was living in Subdistrict 150 with post office

Recorded Oct. 10, 1867, Logan County, Ky. Deed Bk. 41, p. 185.

Written by Mrs. Alfred Justice (daughter of Hiram Halcomb) in her Bible which is now in the possession of Mrs. Ossian H. Justice of Kiowa, Kans., daughter-in-law of Alfred and Mary (Halcomb) Justice.

<sup>3</sup>Declaration for Pension of Widow of War of 1812 (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

<sup>4</sup>Affidavit made Feb. 10, 1958 by Francis Joseph Halcomb (1875-1960) of Franklin, Ky., whose father, Sidney Allen Halcomb, was a nephew of Hiram Halcomb.

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address of Franklin. She owned real estate valued at \$7,000 and personal property valued at \$500. Her age was given as 59; birthplace, Virginia; occupation, keeping house. Also living in her household was a 12-year-old white girl and three negroes.

- 1878 Mar. 9 Mahala Halcomb, "aged 72 years, a resident of Franklin," made

  Declaration for Pension of Widow of War of 1812 before the

  Clerk of the County Court of Simpson County, Ky. 1
  - Dec. 12 Mahala Halcomb's claim for a pension, admitted Oct. 8, 1878, was approved for \$8.00 a month, from March 9, 1878, date of the passage of the Act.<sup>2</sup>
- 1879 Mar. 12 "The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. George H.

  Milliken are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of Mrs.

  Mahala Halcomb tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at their residence
  on Depot Street. Burial immediately after services in Green

  Lawn Cemetery, March 12, 1879, Franklin, Ky."3

<sup>1</sup>File WC 13907. Record Group 15A, National Archives.

<sup>2</sup>Widow's Brief (File WC 13907, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

<sup>3</sup>Funeral notice in Bible of Mrs. Alfred Justice (daughter of Hiram Halcomb), Bible now in possession of Mrs. Ossian H. Justice of Kiowa, Kans., daughter-in-law of Alfred and Mary (Halcomb) Justice.

### GEORGE WILLIAM HALCOMB

b. Nov. 20, 1813 Logan County, Ky.

d. June 10, 1888
Auburn, Ky.

m. 1st Mar. 25, 1837 Logan County, Ky.

Elizabeth Frances Poor (dau. of Robert and Isabella (Herndon) Poor)

b. Oct. 7, 1819

d. Apr. 1, 1838

m. 2nd about 1849
 (oldest child 3 mos. of age in 1850 census)

Sarah Herndon, 2nd cousin of 1st wife (dau. of John and Nancy (Walker) Herndon)

b. Nov. 27, 1823 Kentucky

d.

#### Occupation:

Physician

### Residence:

The George Halcomb family lived in Simpson County, Ky. in 1840 and 1850, and in Logan County, Ky. in 1860 and 1870.

#### Tombstone Inscription:

Dr. George Holcomb 11-20-1813 6-10-1888

#### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 800. Appendix A.

Shields, pp. 23, 25, 68.

"Tombstone Inscriptions in Warren County, Ky.," comp. 1940 by Mrs. J. V. Hard-castle, Regent, Samuel Davies Chapter, D.A.R., p. 149 (Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green). "Allen County" appears after the name of Dr. George Holcomb in the index.

Letter, Oct. 2, 1957, from Francis Joseph Halcomb of Franklin, Ky., second cousin of Dr. George Halcomb.

Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 1, p. 136.

Census records - George W. Halcomb:

Simpson County, Ky.: 1840 - Page 184

1850 - Family 199-199

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1860 - District 1, Family 622-596
1870 - Auburn Corporation, Family 67-67

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#### AMOS HALCOMB

b. July 10, 1816 Logan County, Ky.

- d. Apr. 10, 1896 Garden City, Mo.
- m. Oct. 15, 1839 Christian County, Ky.

Isabella Catherine W. Sivley
(dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Harry) Sivley)

b. Jan. 22, 1821Christian County, Ky.

d. Mar. 4, 1879
Index (Cass County), Mo.

#### Occupation:

Farmer

### Residence:

The Amos Halcomb family lived in Christian, Simpson and Graves Counties, Ky., before moving to Linn County, Mo. in 1855, where the family lived for one year before settling in Cass County, Mo. in 1856.

### Military Service:

During the Civil War, Amos Halcomb served with the Union Forces (Sept. 14, 1863-Mar. 12, 1865) as a private in Company A of Capt. Alexander Robinson's Cass County Battalion, District of the Border, Enrolled Missouri Militia.

### Death Notice:

(Apr. 16, 1896)
Amos Halcomb died Friday, Apr. 10th, at the home of his daughter.
Funeral services by Rev. Guinn, and the remains were laid to rest in the Index cemetery.

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### Tombstone Inscriptions:

Halcomb-July 10, 1816 Died Apr. 10, 1896

At Rest . Isabella C. W. Amos Wife of . Amos Born Halcomb July 10, 1816 Died Mar. 4, 1879 Aged 58 Ys. 1 Ms. 12 Ds.

### REFERENCES:

Bible of Mrs. J. Earl Ashcraft of Kansas City, Mo., great-granddaughter of Amos and Isabella Halcomb.

McPherson, p. 319. Appendix A, B, D.

Death certificate of Amos Bush Halcomb who died Jan. 22, 1933 in Vernon County,

Christian County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 1, p. 164.

Service record from Adjutant General of Missouri.

Garden City column, Cass County Democrat (Harrisonville, Mo.), Apr. 16, 1896,

Tombstone inscriptions from Index Cemetery, 2 miles north and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Garden City, Mo.

#### FRANCIS ANN HALCOMB

b. Nov. 6, 1818 Logan County, Ky.

d. Aug. 29, 1898 Logan County, Ky.

m. July 27, 1837 Logan County, Ky.

George Herndon (son of Robert Baker and Ellen (Crewdson) Herndon)

b. Oct. 29, 1814 Logan County, Ky. d. Apr. 1, 1897 Logan County, Ky.

#### Occupation:

George Herndon was a farmer.

### Residence:

Logan County, Ky.

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## Will of George Herndon:

In the name of God Amen. This is my last will and testament: I will that my just debts be paid if any. I will that my daughter Ellen C. Phelps four hundred \$400. dollars. I. T. Wood deceased her children, Fanny, Sallie, Geo and Addie one hundred dollars each making four hundred dollars (\$400.). I will S. A. Wood, five hundred dollars (500.) Allice Jones, five hundred dollars (\$500.) which is paid as the receipt accompanying his will shows: I will M. J. Crewdson two hundred (\$200.) H. C. Herndon must pay the sum of \$300. borrowed money before he can claim any thing more: I will T. C. Herndon, three hundred dollars \$300. Then if there is any thing over must be equally divided amongst all my children. If not enough in the estate to amount to the sums above named, then in proportion, except S. A. Wood. She must have five hundred dollars, if there is that much in the estate. I name T. C. Herndon as my executor.

January 20, 1896.

George Herndon

At a County Court held for Logan County at the Court house in Russellville, Ky. on the 3'd day of May 1897. The foregoing Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Herndon dec'd was produced in open Court and proved by the oaths of A. G. Rhea, and Jno I Ferguson to be wholey in the hand writing of George Herndon dec'd, Whereupon the Court ordered the same to be recorded as and for the last will of said George Herndon dec'd: Which together with this certificate has been duly recorded in my said office. Given under my hand this 30 day of May 1897.

M. B. Morton, Clerk

## Tombstone Inscriptions:

George Herndon Born Oct. 29, 1814 Died

Apr. 1, 1897

Francis A. Herndon Born Nov. 6, 1818 Died

Aug. 29, 1898

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#### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 320.

Appendix A.

Letter, July 9, 1960, from Thos. C. Herndon of Richmond, Ky., grandson of George and Francis Herndon.

Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 1, p. 138.

Shields, p. 42.

Logan County, Ky. Will Bk. N, p. 562.

Census records, Logan County, Ky. - George Herndon:

1840 - Page 197

1850 - District 2, Family 487-487

1860 - District 2, Family 223-219

1870 - Gordonsville District, Family 141-141

1880 - Logan District, Family 13-15

Tombstone inscription from cemetery near home of Herndon Piper, Rt. 1, Russellville, Ky., great-grandson of George and Francis Herndon.

#### WILLIAM MILLIKEN HALCOMB

b. Apr. 21, 1822 Logan County, Ky.

d. Mar. 18, 1910 Liberty, Mo.

m. Oct. 26, 1846 Christian County, Ky.

Francina C. Sivley (dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Harry) Sivley)

b. Oct. 21, 1824 d. Apr. 5, 1905 Christian County, Ky.

Liberty, Mo.

### Occupation:

Farmer; drove an oil wagon in Clay County, Mo. "for many years."

#### Residence:

The William Halcomb family lived in Graves and Todd Counties, Ky. before moving to Illinois in 1855. In the fall of 1856 the family moved to Cass County, Mo. where they remained until 1874 or 1875 when William Halcomb moved his family to Clay County. Mo. "which remained his home with the exception of four years spent in Texas."

### Military Service:

During the Civil War, William Halcomb served with the Union Forces

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(Sept. 14, 1863-Mar. 12, 1865) as a private in Company A of Capt. Alexander Robinson's Cass County Battalion, District of the Border, Enrolled Missouri Militia.

## Death Notices:

(Apr. 7, 1905)

Mrs. Wm. Halcomb, who was stricken with apoplexy about two weeks before, died Wednesday night. The funeral will be held at the Baptist church in Liberty, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Rev. F. W. Eberhardt and Dr. Stafford. Interment will be at Little Shoal cemetery.

(Apr. 14, 1905)

The remains of the venerable Mrs. William Halcomb were interred in Little Shoal cemetery on Friday afternoon last, after funeral services by Drs. Eberhardt and Stafford at the Baptist church. Many were present at the services, neighbors and friends of the good Christian woman, and deep regret was expressed at her death. Mrs. Halcomb was a kind neighbor and friend, and a devoted wife and mother. Her home life was perfect, and the deepest affection existed between the members of the family.

(Mar. 25, 1910)

Death of Wm. Halcomb

William M. Halcomb, one of the best residents of Liberty, died at his home in this city last Saturday morning. Death was due to old age and effects of a fall he received several months ago. He was born in Logan County, Kentucky, April 22, 1822. In 1856 he came to Cass County, Missouri and in 1874 to Liberty, which remained his home with the exception of four years spent in Texas. For many years he drove the oil wagon here. He was married in Kentucky, 1846, to Miss Francina Sivley, who died in Liberty in 1905. To them were born seven children. Four are living: Mrs. Gid Millen, Miss Leona Halcomb of Clay County, Ninian and Vernon Halcomb of Texas. He leaves a brother in Nebraska and a sister in Kansas.

The burial was at Little Shoal Cemetery after the funeral service conducted by  $H_{\bullet}$  A. Bagby of the Baptist Church of which  $Mr_{\bullet}$  Halcomb was an earnest member.

(Mar. 25, 1910)

Death of Mr. Halcomb

William M. Halcomb died at his home in this city March 18, and was nearing his 87th birthday. The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church, Saturday afternoon by Dr. H. A. Bagby. Interment was at Little Shoals cemetery.

Mr. Halcomb was a quiet and courteous old gentleman and had lived in Liberty most of the time since 1875, when he moved here to educate his children.

He was born in Logan county, Kentucky, April 21, 1823, and came to Cass county, Missouri, in 1859.

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Four of the <u>six</u> children still live and they are Leonia, who lived with her father; Mrs. Gil Millen, northwest of town; Rev. N. W. Halcomb and Dr. Vernon Halcomb of the Panhandle country, Texas. Harry Halcomb and Mrs. Lusby died several years ago. A granddaughter, Gladys Halcomb, daughter of Harry, also lived with Mr. Halcomb. Mrs. Halcomb has been dead three or four years.

### Tombstone Inscriptions:

HALCOMB

William M. Halcomb Born Apr. 21, 1822 Died Mar. 18, 1910

Francina C. his wife
Born Oct. 21, 1824
Died Apr. 5, 1905

### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319-20.

Death certificate, William M. Halcomb.

Christian County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 2, p. 109.

Service record from Adjutant General of Missouri.

Appendix A, C, D.

Liberty Tribune (Liberty, Mo.), Apr. 7, 1905, p. 3; Mar. 25, 1910, p. 7.

Liberty Advance (Liberty, Mo.), Apr. 14, 1905, p. 3; Mar. 25, 1910, p. 7.

Tombstone inscriptions from Little Shoal Cemetery, 3 miles northwest of Liberty,

Mo. on U. S. Highway Bypass 71 and Davidson Road.

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SARAH A. (Sally) HALCOMB

b. May 6, 1824 Kentucky d. Apr. 15, 1845 Christian County, Ky.

m. Apr. 7, 1840 Logan County, Ky.

Eli Hiram Sivley
(son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Harry) Sivley)

b. May 31, 1814 Rockingham County, Va. d. Oct. 13, 1896 Christian County, Ky.

Eli Sivley m. 2nd July 11, 1850 Christian County, Ky.

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Sappho Emily Bostick (dau. of Absalom and Dolly Bostick)

b. Aug. 1, 1827 Stokes County, N. Car.

d. July 25, 1891 Christian County, Ky.

### Occupation:

Eli Sivley was a farmer.

## Residence:

Christian County, Ky.

## Will of Eli H. Sivley:

I, Eli H. Sively being of sound mind yet mindful of the uncertainty of human life do make this my last Will and Testament.

1st. It is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

2. I will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Sopha E. Sively to have and hold enjoy use and control for and during her natural life all my estate both real and personal my farm and stock thereon and all farming implements and everything else as it may be at my death. At the death of my wife, it is my will that all of the estate, land stock and all other personal property be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on such terms as may be usual or deemed reasonable by the Administrator with the will annexed and said land shall be conveyed by said Administrator to the purchaser or purchasers retaining a lien in the deed for the purchase money and the proceeds of the land and of the personal estate of all kinds shall be equally divided between my children then living or their heirs or representatives if dead. And having full faith and confidence in my said wife, I hereby appoint her Executrix of this will and as there are no creditors to interfere ask the Court to allow her to qualify without giving bond.

Eli H. Sively

Signed and acknowledged in our presence and the presence of each other by Eli H. Sively as his last Will and Testament this 5 April, 1884.

Jno. W. McPherson Joe McCarroll

State of Kentucky ) October Term, 1896 Christian County )

I, Jno. P. Prowse, Clerk of the Christian County Court do certify that a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Eli H. Sively, deceased, was this day produced in open Court, filed, read and offered for probate and proven by the oath of Joe McCarroll, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the attestation of J. W. McPherson, deceased, the other witness thereto and that they signed said will in the presence of and at the request of Eli H. Sively and that said witness stated on oath that he, the said Eli H. Sively, acknowledged the said instrument to be his last will and testament and

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that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of signing same. Whereupon the same is hereby allowed and established as and for the last Will and Testament of Eli H. Sively, deceased, and ordered to record as such. All of which has been duly recorded in my office. This Oct. 19th, 1896.

Jno. P. Prowse, Clerk

### Death Notices:

(Oct. 19, 1896)

Mr. E. H. Sivley

One of the oldest citizens of this county died Oct. 13 of infirmities due to old age. He leaves 6 children, 2 sons and 4 daughters. All of them except one daughter are married. Mr. Sivley was 82 years old, and lived at his farm on Canton Pike Road, where he has resided for many years. Besides his immediate family, he leaves a number of other relatives in the city and county. He was a member of the Methodist Church and had been for a long period of years. He was a good man, a consistent Christian and a clever and upright gentleman.

Obituary of Mrs. Sivley

Sophie Emily Sivley was the daughter of Absalom and Dolly Bostick and was born in Stokes County, North Carolina, Aug. 1, 1827. She was one of a family of eight children, four boys and four girls. The entire family moved to Christian County, Kentucky May 1846. The father died in 1855, the mother in 1865.

She was married to Eli H. Sivley July 11, 1850. There were born unto them four daughters and one son, all of whom are living.

Sister Sivley was converted at Hebron in Aug. 1874, being led to the altar of prayer by her only son. Her repentance was deep and conversion very clear and satisfactory.

She immediately joined the Methodist Church at Hebron and made a faithful member the rest of her life.

Raised by a pious mother she was a firm believer in the Christian religion, and taught her children to read the Bible, attend church and Sunday school, although not a Christian herself until she was 47 years of age. Being timid and reticent, she was not demonstrative in religious worship but was devotional and always attended worship when she could.

Sympathetic in her nature and easily touched over the sorrows and affections of others, she was ready to lend a helping hand when in her power.

Her sickness which resulted in death was of four months' duration, being that of heart trouble. She suffered intensely at times, but bore it with patience and without a murmer.

She continued to read the New Testament and Christian Advocate, which had been her companions for years, as long as she had rest from pain.

All had been done for her that tender hands and medical skill could do.

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Her days were numbered and her work was done, she quietly fell to sleep about midnight July 25th, 1891 and her spirit went to God who gave it. She was a true wife, an affectionate mother, a friend to humanity and a devout Christian. She sleeps well.

D. S. Bowles

## Tombstone Inscriptions:

In memory of SARAH A. SIVLEY wife of E. H. Sivley Born May 6th, 1824 Died April 15th 1845

SAPPHO E. Wife of Eli H. Sivley born Aug. 1, 1827 died July 25, 1891 A loved one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home. Which never can be filled.

ELI H. SIVLEY Born May 31, 1814 Died Oct. 13, 1896

### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 321.

Appendix A. D.

Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 1, p. 151. Christian County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 2, p. 182. Christian County, Ky. Will Bk. Y, p. 379.

Census records, Christian County, Ky. - Eli H. Sivley:

1840 - Eli and Sarah Sivley were living with Elizabeth Sivley (p. 218)

1850 - District 1, Family 842-905

1860 - P. O. Hopkinsville, Family 50-50

1870 - Third Civil District, Family 126-126

1880 - Union Schoolhouse District, Family 569-572

Christian County, Ky. Deeds: Bk. W, p. 447; Bk. Y, pp. 310, 311, 313; Bk. Z. pp. 305, 411, 538; Bk. 29, pp. 152, 418, 419, 447; Bk. 32, pp. 547, 596; Bk. 34, p. 377; Bk. 40, p. 478; Wills: Bk. H, pp. 430, 434, 437-38, 440. 442, 444; Bk. I, pp. 359-60.

Hopkinsville Kentuckian (Hopkinsville, Ky.), Oct. 19, 1896, p. 8.

"Obituary of Mrs. Sivley" copied September, 1957 from newspaper clipping in possession of Mrs. Roy Cary of Hopkinsville, Ky., granddaughter of Eli and Sappho E. Sivley.

Tombstone inscriptions from the Sivley Cemetery on Canton Road, 21 miles southwest of Hopkinsville, Ky.

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#### HIRAM HALCOMB

b. July 21, 1826 Kentucky

- d. Jan. 14, 1902Cass County, Mo.
- m. Feb. 15, 1859 Simpson County, Ky.

Caroline Mildred Newland (dau. of William and Nancy G. Newland)

b. June 9, 1837 Simpson County, Ky.

d. July 1, 1909 Cass County, Mo.

### Occupation:

Farmer

#### Residence:

The Hiram Halcomb family lived in Cass County, Mo. in 1860.

During the War Between the States, probably upon issuance of "Order No. 11" as to evacuation of his home region on account of "Border Warfare" along the nearby line between Missouri and Kansas, Hiram II returned to Logan County, Ky. where he remained until 1869, in the Spring.

The family then returned to Cass County, Mo.

### Military Service:

No official record has been found; however, Mrs. Howard Payne of Cass County, Mo., daughter of Hiram Halcomb, stated that her father served during the Civil War as a militiaman with the Union forces, guarding a bridge in Kansas City.

#### Death Notice:

(Jan. 23, 1902)

At Rest

"They shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Died, January 14, 1902, our beloved friend and neighbor, Hiram Halcomb or Uncle Hi as he was always called. The entire community was shocked and grieved to hear of his death. Though he had been sick some time, no one thought the angel of death so near until it came on silent pinions calling away a devoted husband and loving father, bringing deepest grief to his family and friends.

He was one of the oldest settlers in the Index neighborhood and was respected by all who knew him and will be sadly missed, for he always had a kind word and smile for everybody he met. He leaves a wife,

five children, five grand-children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn the loss of this good old man, whose memory will linger in our hearts, and whose example will remain with us that we may try to live as he did and die as he died, at peace with God and all mankind.

Rev. Roberson, of Garden City, preached his funeral sermon, and sorrowing relatives and friends laid him to rest in the Index cemetery.

## Tombstone Inscriptions:

HALCOMB

Caroline M. 1837--1909

Hiram 1826-1902

### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 321.

Appendix A.

Census records:

Cass County, Mo. - Hiram Halcomb:

1860 - Sugar Creek Township, Family 344-344

1870 - Index Township, Family 12-12

1880 - Index Township, Family 36-37

Simpson County, Ky. - William Newland:

1850 - Family 111-111

1860 - Family 196-191

Letter, Dec. 10, 1958, from Mrs. Howard Payne of Cass County, Mo., daughter of Hiram Halcomb.

Cass County Democrat (Harrisonville, Mo.), Jan. 23, 1902, p. 1.

Tombstone inscriptions from Index Cemetery, 2 miles north and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Garden City, Mo.

#### LEONARD WEST HALCOMB

b. Oct. 6, 1828 Logan County, Ky,

d. Oct. 2, 1925 Cass County, Mo.

m. Nov. 14, 1861 Cass County, Mo.

Jane Elizabeth Payne (dau. of E. Sanford and Harriet B. Payne)

b. about 1841 d. Missouri

#### Occupation:

Farmer

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## Residence:

Cass County, Mo.

## Military Service:

During the Civil War, Leonard Halcomb served from Mar. 17, 1864-Mar. 12, 1865 with the Union forces as a private in Company A, Capt. Alexander Robinson's Cass County Pattalion, District of the Border, Enrolled Missouri Militia.

### Death Notice:

(Oct. 15, 1925)

Near Centenarian Dead Leonard West Halcomb was born in Logan County, Kentucky, October 6, 1828, and departed this life Friday, October 2, 1925, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Stahl near Garden City, Missouri, at the advanced age of 96 years, 11 months and 26 days.

In January, 1860 Mr. Halcomb came to Index, Mo., where he met Miss Jane Elizabeth Payne, whom he married on November 14, 1861. To this union eleven children were born, four dying in infancy. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles L. Stahl and Mrs. Paulina Smith; five sons, B. F., Asa, Byron, Lewis G. and George Edgar Halcomb, all of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Stahl, reside in Nebraska.

Mr. Halcomb made religious profession at the age of 25 and united with the Baptist Church at Index, Mo.

The funeral was held from the First Baptist Church in Garden City Monday, October 5, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., and burial was made in the Index cemetery with Funeral Director, J. M. Kauffman in charge. The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Robert H. Baker, pastor of the local church.

For the past three years or more Mr. Halcomb made his home with his daughter near here and was probably the oldest Cass county citizen at the time of his demise. Only his daughter, Mrs. Stahl, and a son, Asa Halcomb of Nebraska, represented the family at the funeral.

—The Garden City Views

### Tombstone Inscription:

There is no tombstone for Leonard Halcomb. He was buried at the Index Cemetery, 2 miles north and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Garden City, Mo.

#### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 321.
Appendix A.
Death certificate, Leonard W. Halcomb

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Service record from Adjutant General of Missouri. Cass County, Mo. Marriage Bk. ABC, p. 330. Census records:

Cass County, Mo.:

1850 - 16th District, Sandford Payne, Family 35-35

1860 - Sugar Creek Township, E. S. Payne, Family 338-338

1860 - Sugar Creek Township, Warren Halcomb, Family 457-457

1870 - Camp Branch Township, L. W. Halcomb, Family 7-9

<u>Cass County Democrat</u> (Harrisonville, Mo.), Oct. 15, 1925, p. 13.

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### MARTHA MARGARET HALCOMB

b. Feb. 1, 1831 Kentucky

d. Nov. 22, 1393
Buried Caldwell County, Tex.

m. July 18, 1848 Logan County, Ky.

Jasper D. Compton

b. June 8, 1826 Kentucky

d. Apr. 14, 1908 Lockhart, Tex.

### Occupation:

Jasper D. Compton was a farmer.

### Residence:

The Compton family lived in Kentucky before moving to Cass County, No. where they resided in 1860 and 1870. About 1877 the family moved to Caldwell County, Tex.

## Death Notice:

(Apr. 16, 1908)
At noon, last Tuesday, J. D. Compton, in his 83rd year, departed this life, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Belle Wells. His body was gently laid to rest beside that of his wife, in the Lytton Springs cemetery at noon Wednesday. He is survived by all of his children, six sons and five daughters, who in their bereavement have the sympathy of a host of friends and acquaintances. He lived a devoted Christian life since boyhood. As a member of the Missionary Baptist Church he has faithfully served in the office of Deacon for many years.

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## Tombstone Inscriptions:

J. D. Compton

born June 8, 1826

died Apr. 14, 1908

Martha M. Compton

wife of J. D. Compton

born Feb. 1, 1831

died Nov. 22, 1893

## REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 321. Appendix A. Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 2, p. 52. Coss County Mos:

1860 - Sugar Creek Township, Family 345-345

1870 - Index Township, Family 83-83

Caldwell County, Tex.:

1880 - Precinct 1, Family 66-66

Death certificate, J. D. Compton.

Lockhart Post (Lockhart, Tex.), Apr. 16, 1908, p. 1.

Tombstone inscriptions from Lytton Springs Cemetery, 10 miles northeast of Lockhart, Tex.

### ISABELLA THOMAS HALCOMB

b. Jan. 19, 1833 d. Mar. 5, 1899 Logan County, Ky. Cherokee County, Kans.

m. July 1, 1856 "at the house of Hiram Halcomb in Logan County, Ky."

Walter Bell McCormick (son of James and Jane (Sellers) McCormick)

b. June 5, 1816 Todd County, Ky.

d. Nov. 12, 1884 Cherokee County, Kans.

#### Occupation:

Walter B. McCormick was a physician and farmer.

## Residence:

The McCormick family lived in Todd County, Ky. before settling in Cherokee County, Kans. in 1867.

In May, 1867, Dr. McCormick and his family left Kentucky, and after six weeks of traveling, stopped near Galena, Kansas. A desirable location was sought on which to settle, and on July 28th they

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permanently located on the farm which the subject of this sketch ZJohn Samuel McCormick of Ross Township, Cherokee County, Kans. now occupies. The family secured 240 acres of wild land, but few other pioneers having yet located there. Dr. McCormick had brought with him four yoke of oxen, two wagons, 17 cows and two Kentucky blooded mares. The family and stock needed immediate shelter, and as expeditiously as possible a house was built, the materials for which had to be brought by ox teams from Kansas City. This house was known far and wide as the "White House" as it was the first house to be painted white in the county, and probably one of the first which was painted at all. It became a landmark, and its hospitality was enjoyed by many a traveler of that day. During the first year, about five acres of ground were broken, for the year was well advanced before they could begin work, and in the following spring a crop of oats was put in. In 1863, 40 acres were broken, which were devoted to wheat and sod corn, the former being sold for \$2, and the latter for \$1 a bushel. Their cattle multiplied and the family grew prosperous. Dr. McCormick continued to practice his profession, and was known and esteemed all over the county. In politics he was a Republican. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and an upright Christian man.

## Biographical Sketch:

Cherokee County - Ross Township
WALTER B. McCORMICK, farmer, P. O. Columbus, Section 29, was born in
Kentucky in 1816. He received a practical and medical education and
began the practice of medicine in Kentucky at the age of twenty-two
years, continuing to practice in that State until 1867, at the same
time carrying on a farm. He came to Kansas in 1867, and located on
his present farm which he opened and improved. He has 210 acres and
raises stock, grain and all kinds of fruit. He is a member and Ruling
Elder in Cumberland Church, and was married in 1842 to Miss Patsey N.
Coleman of Kentucky, who died in 1855, leaving five children—
Theodore A., Christian J., Roscoe (deceased), Nancy M. (deceased),
and Rebecca Ann. In 1856, he was married to Miss Isabel Holcomb, of
Kentucky. They have six children—John S., Walter A., Ester F.,
Mary E., Lucy Emma (deceased), and Martha J. (deceased).

## Death Notices:

(Nov. 13, 1884)

An Old Settler Gone

Died, at his residence in Ross township, this county, on Wednesday, the 12th, at 7 o'clock p.m. in the 70th year of his age, Dr. W. B. McCormick, after a brief illness of one week.

June 30th, 1867, Dr. McCormick with his family landed in Cherokee county and went into camp on Spring river. July 17, 1867, he located a piece of land on Cherry creek, in Ross township, where he opened up a good farm, upon which he resided up to the time of his death.

Deceased was a native of Kentucky, and possessed many of the eccentricities peculiar to a genuine Kentuckian. Impulsive, though warmhearted and generous to a fault. Intelligent, social and genial he

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made himself agreeable to all classes. His death will be mourned by all who knew him.

(Mar. 6, 1899)

Mrs. Isabell P. McCormick, living about 11 miles northwest of this city, died March 5th, at 11 o'clock a.m., of pneumonia, age 66 years. She was one of the oldest residents of the county and was highly respected by all.

# Tombstone Inscriptions:

Walter and Isabella McCormick were buried at the Edgeman Cemetery, 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Columbus, Kans. No tombstones are erected at their graves.

#### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 321.

"John Samuel McCormick," in Nathaniel T. Allison, <u>History of Cherokee County</u>, <u>Kansas and Representative Citizens</u> (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Co., 1904), pp. 536-37.

Appendix A.

Logan County, Ky. Marriage Bk. 2, p. 146. Census records - Walter B. McCormick:

Todd County, Ky.:

1850 - District 2, Family 84-84

1860 - Family 956-956

Cherokee County, Kans.:

1870 - Ross Township, Family 41-40 1880 - Ross Township, Family 50-53

Interview, Nov. 28, 1958 with Harry McCormick, Rt. 2, Columbus, Kans., grandson of Walter and Isabella McCormick.

Letters, Apr. 9, May 9, May 21, 1960 from Mrs. Frank A. Shoup, Rt. 1, Ripley, Okla., granddaughter of Walter and Isabella McCormick.

Advocate (Columbus, Kans.), Mar. 6, 1899, p. 3.

Lea's Columbus Advocate (Columbus, Kans.), Nov. 13, 1884, p. 3.

Alfred T. Andreas, History of the State of Kansas (Chicago, 1883), p. 1169.

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# WARREN ("Doc") HALCOMB

- b. Sept. 7, 1835 Simpson County, Ky.
- d. Dec. 27, 1912 Harper County, Kans.
- m. Sept. 22, 1859 Simpson County, Ky.

Nancy Margaret Cushenberry (dau. of James and Francis (Sears) Cushenberry)

b. June 20, 1838 Allen County, Ky.

d. Mar. 27, 1920 Harper County, Kans.

#### Occupation:

Farmer

#### Residence:

In 1860, Warren and Nancy Halcomb lived in Cass County, Mo.

After the issuance of General Orders No. 11 during the Civil War, Warren and Nancy Halcomb returned to Simpson County, Ky. where they lived until 1885, when they moved to Harper County, Kans.

# Military Service:

Warren Halcomb was enrolled on Sept. 14, 1863 at Harrisonville, Mo. as a private in Company A, Capt. Alexander Robinson's Cass County Battalion, District of the Border, Enrolled Missouri Militia (Union forces). The muster-out date is not recorded.

#### Death Notices:

(Jan. 3, 1913)

Warren Halcomb's Death

We heard but lately of the death of Warren Halcomb. His death occurred week before last. He was an old man, 78 years old. He was a real man. For years we had known him. "Squire" Halcomb, we called him, as did many. He had long been in the county prominent in county affairs, in the religious life of the county, particularly beloved by the people of Eagle township where he lived so long. In former years he came often to Anthony. He knew all the older ones and loved to visit with them. In latter years he came but seldom. And when he came he seemed to miss some people and some faces.

He was one of those men to whom a certain dignity belongs. One would only look upon him to know that he was honest, kind, charitable, sincere. A member of the Baptist denomination he was deeply religious and a faithful, working christian. In politics he was a democrat but

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he had no quarrel with those who differed with him in politics. He was a man to counsel with, and he gave good advice freely. His home was a hospitable home and many came and went from it and shared in its simple and yet hearty cheer.

He was a Kentucky gentleman. He had that courtesy and poise so often found in the men of the state of Kentucky. He loved his native state but he loved Kansas too.

It is with sincere regret that we learned of his death. It marks the passing of a pioneer, a man worth having known, a man worth while.

For him, and such as he was, there must be great reward.

(Jan. 24, 1913)

Obituary

Warren Holcomb, a pioneer of Harper county, Kansas, passed peacefully away at his home near Ferguson, Kansas, at 2 a.m., Friday, December 27, 1912.

He was a man of strong constitution and had enjoyed good health until the last summer when the intense heat seemed to tax his strength beyond its endurance and he gave way, gradually failing in health until death came to release a worn and weary body.

He was a man of rare qualities, congenial, lovable, upright in all his transactions. He met everybody, man, woman or little child with a hearty grip, a friendly smile, a cheering word that made you feel you had met a friend.

He was always ready with the material things to help those in need, and was ever ready and anxious to help men in their spiritual needs.

With such a broad acquaintance how impossible to estimate the value of such a character to a community. He will live in the lives of many for years to come. Nay, who can say that his influence will ever die.

He came to Harper county in the year 1885 and since that time has remained on his old homestead, battling against hardships and adverse seasons oftimes, and in turn has enjoyed the more prosperous times.

But along with the material things he never failed to make room for the spiritual and labored unceasingly for the propagation of his Master's cause to which he had aligned himself in young manhood. His one hope and prayer had been for many years that the Lord would spare him to see a church house built on the corner of his farm and dedicated to the Lord, which has been done through his untiring efforts and prayers.

As I think of this noble man of God I am reminded of Simeon of whom we read in Luke 2:29. He had seen the desire of his heart and was ready to depart in peace.

He was born in Simpson county, Ky., Sept. 7th, 1835, died at his home near Ferguson, Kansas, December 27th, 1912, aged 77 years, 3 months

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and 20 days. He was married September 22, 1859, to Nannie Cushionberry. To this union were born eight children, five boys and three girls, six of whom are still living and were all present at his burial.

The writer spoke the last words from the scripture found in Rev. 14:13, to a large assembly of friends and relatives Sunday, December 29, at the Baptist church of Ferguson. Interment was made at the new cemetery adjoining the church ground.

-- S. E. Dorsett, pastor Baptist church, Ferguson

(Apr. 1, 1920)

Grandma Holcomb

Nancy Margaret Cushenberry was born in Allen county, Kentucky, June 20, 1838, and departed this life Saturday, March 27, 1920, at the age of 81 years 9 months and 7 days. When she was two years old her parents moved with her to Simpson county, Ky. On Sept. 22, 1859 she was united in marriage to Warren Halcomb. To this union were born eight children, one died in infancy, and Eugene at the age of 22 years.

With her husband and family she moved from Kentucky to Harper county, Kansas, in 1885, and from then until the time of her death, resided at her home near Waldron, Kansas.

In her sixteenth year she united with the Sulpher Springs Baptist church near her girlhood home, she brought her letter to the Anthony Baptist church and later was a charter member of the Pleasant Valley church of which she was a devout member until the time of her death.

Grandma leaves to mourn her loss the three daughters, Mrs. L. F. Starks, Mrs. H. D. Gaither, Mrs. J. E. Powell and the three sons, G. W., J. C., and C. W. Holcomb. She has nineteen grandchildren, two step /grand/children and thirteen great grand children who were all present at the funeral except one son.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. F. A. Coats after which she was laid away in the Pleasant Valley cemetery by her husband who passed away seven years ago last December.

(Apr. 1, 1920)

Nancy M. Halcom

The funeral services of Mrs. Nancy M. Halcom, who died at her home near Anthony Thursday, March 27th, were held from the Pleasant Valley church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Coats and Rev. John Via of Caldwell, Kansas, had charge of the funeral services. Interment was made in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Nancy M. Halcom was born in Kentucky in 1839. At the time of her death she was 81 years and 9 months old.

Six of her grandsons acted as pallbearers and six small grand daughters acted as flower girls.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of Schultz and Morgan.

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# Tombstone Inscriptions:

Wife of
Werren Halcomb
June 20, 1838
Mar. 27, 1920

Warren Halcomb Sept. 7, 1835 Dec. 27, 1912

#### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 322.

Appendix A.

Death certificates, Warren and Nancy M. Halcomb.

Census records - Warren Halcomb:

Cass County, Mo.:

1860 - Sugar Creek Township, Family 457-457

Simpson County, Ky .:

1870 - Sub-District 150, Family 194-194

1880 - Family 219-225

Census records - Francis Cushenberry:

Simpson County, Ky.

1850 - Family 189-139 1860 - Family 228-220

O. A. Willoughby, "Allen County Marriages, 1815-1865," p. 8 (Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green).

Service record from Adjutant General of Missouri.

Letter, Oct. 18, 1958, from Mrs. Linnie Gaither of Anthony, Kans., daughter of Warren and Nancy Halcomb.

<u>Bulletin</u> (Anthony, Kans.), Jan. 3, 1913, p. 4; Jan. 24, 1913, p. 6; Apr. 1, 1920, p. 1.

Republican (Anthony, Kans.), Apr. 1, 1920, p. 1.

Tombstone inscriptions from Pleasant Valley Cemetery, 13 miles southwest of Anthony, Kans.

#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HALCOMB

b. Jan. 29, 1838 Kentucky

d. Sept. 13, 1864
Buried Simpson County, Ky.

m. about 1861
 (oldest child age 8 in 1870 census)

America Witt

(dau. of Richard T. and Charlotte B. Witt)

b. about 1841
 Kentucky

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#### Occupation:

"Farm laborer" in 1860.

#### Residence:

America Halcomb lived in Simpson County, Ky. in 1870.

## Tombstone Inscription:

P. F. Holcomb born Jan. 29, 1838 died Sept. 13, 1864 Gone but not forgotten

# REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 322, 800.
Appendix A.
Census records:

Logan County, Ky.:

1860 - District 1, Hiram Halcomb, Family 621-595

Simpson County, Ky.:

1850 - R. T. Witt, Family 362-363

1870 - Subdistrict 150, Richard Witt, Family 93-93

1870 - Subdistrict 150, America Halcomb, Family 94-94

Letter, Dec. 11, 1958 from Francis Joseph Halcomb of Franklin, Ky., second cousin of B. F. Halcomb.

Tombstone inscription from cemetery on farm owned by Francis Joseph Halcomb (1875-1960) of Franklin, Ky.

#### MARY AGNES HALCOMB

b. Mar. 9, 1840 d. Apr. 11, 1921 Simpson County, Ky.

Anthony, Kans.

m. Apr. 29, 1869 Franklin, Ky.

Alfred Justice

b. July 9, 1825 Kentucky

d. Oct. 10, 1900 Ruella, Kans.

## Occupation:

Alfred Justice was a farmer and carpenter.

## Residence:

The Justice family lived in Simpson County, Ky. in 1870 and in 1830. In April, 1892, the family moved to Harper County, Kans.

#### Death Notices:

(Apr. 14, 1921)

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Mrs. Mary Justice Dies

Mrs. Mary Justice died at the home of her daughter on South Kansas,
after an illness which extended over the past six months. She was
81 years of age. The funeral was held at the Ferguson church Wednesday.
Rev. Kirk conducted the services and was assisted by Rev. Woods.

(Apr. 21, 1921)

Mary H. Justice

Mrs. Mary H. Justice, who has been in poor health for the past year or more died at her home in Anthony last Monday afternoon, April 11, at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Justice was eighty-one years of age at the time of her death. The body was taken to Ferguson, Kansas for burial in the Ferguson cemetery. Funeral services were held from the church there at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. Rev. A. T. Kirk of Conway Springs, former pastor of the local Baptist church conducted the services. Schultz and Morgan were in charge.

## Tombstone Inscriptions:

Alfred Justice was buried at the Goss Cemetery, 10 miles southwest of Anthony, Kans. Mary Justice was buried at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, 13 miles southwest of Anthony, Kans. There are no tombstones erected at their graves.

#### REFERENCES:

Death certificate, Mary H. Justice, records Simpson County, Ky. as her birthplace. (Her father was enumerated in 1840 in the Logan County, Ky. census, see p. 7.)

McPherson, pp. 319, 322.

Appendix A.

Census records - Alfred Justice:

Simpson County, Ky.:

1870 - Sub-District 150, Family 46-46

1880 - Franklin, Family 317-352

Harper County, Kans.:

1895 - Empire Township (vol. 147, sec. 1, p. 2 - State census)

Letters, Dec. 13, 1958, Mar. 7 and Mar. 23, 1960, from Mrs. Ossian H. Justice of Kiowa, Kans., daughter-in-law of Alfred and Mary Justice.

Bulletin (Anthony, Kans.), Apr. 14, 1921, p. 1.

Republican (Anthony, Kans.), Apr. 21, 1921, p. 4.

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# ELIZABETH (Bettie) BURKS HALCOMB

b. Nov. 15, 1845 Kentucky

- d. May 28, 1916 Frankfort, Ky.
- m. about 1866
   (oldest child age 3 in 1870 census)

John William Travis
(son of John Calvin and Mary Ann (Frice) Travis)

b. Dec. 14, 1839 Kentucky

d. Mar. 25, 1913 Simpson County, Ky.

#### Occupation:

J. W. Travis was a merchant and "jack of all trades".

## Residence:

Simpson County, Ky.

## Military Service:

J. W. Travis enlisted Oct. 14, 1861 at Franklin, Ky. for twelve months and served as a private in Company I, Sixth Regiment Infantry, Kentucky Volunteers, Confederate States Army. Muster-out date is not shown on the service record.

#### Death Notices:

(May 30, 1916)

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Travis dies after long illness. Aged woman had lived with son-in-law for several years

Mrs. Elizabeth Halcomb Travis, 70 years of age, died Sunday afternoon at the residence of her son-in-law C. F. Saunders, 518 Logan street, following several years illness from a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Travis had made her home with Mr. Saunders for the last few years during his incumbency as a deputy in the State Auditor's office. She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Saunders and one son, H. C. Travis of Franklin, Ky.

The body of Mrs. Travis was sent to her old home in Franklin, Ky. yesterday morning following a short funeral service at the residence conducted by the Rev. J. T. McGlothlin of the First Baptist Church and the Rev. T. W. Watts of the Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Franklin Cemetery this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

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(June 1, 1916)

Mrs. Bettie Travis

Mrs. Bettie Travis died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cornelius Saunders, of Frankfort Sunday after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Travis was a life long member of the Presbyterian church, a devoted mother and greatly beloved, by all who knew her.

After the death of her husband the late William Travis, she went to Frankfort to make her home with her daughter Mrs. Saunders, who with one son H. C. Travis of Franklin, survives her. The remains were brought to Franklin Monday evening and after funeral services conducted from the residence of her son, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock were laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemeterv.

## Tombstone Inscriptions:

Bettie Halcomb Travis 1845-1916 J. Will Travis 1839-1913

#### REFERENCES:

McPherson, pp. 319, 323.

Appendix A.

Death certificates, Elizabeth Halcomb Travis and J. W. Travis. Census records, Simpson County, Ky. - John William Travis:

1870 - Sub-District 150, Family 59-59

1880 - Franklin, Family 274-306

Service records from Adjutant General of Kentucky and National Archives.

State Journal (Frankfort, Ky.), May 30, 1916, p. 1.

Franklin Favorite (Franklin, Ky.), June 1, 1916, p. 2.

Tombstone inscriptions from Greenlawn Cemetery, Franklin, Ky.

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## ANOTHER RECORD OF THE HALCOMB FAMILY

The following is a partial copy of a typewritten record in possession of Ethel (Payne) Moretine (Mrs. Edward) of Rural Route 1, Harrisonville, Mo. Mrs. Moretine, a great-granddaughter of Hiram Halcomb (1789-1869), has had this record for a number of years but does not know, nor does any of her immediate family know the location of the Bible from which it was copied.

Hiram Halcomb born Sept. 21, 1790

Isabella West-Halcomb born March 5, 1798

Hiram and Isabella Halcomb were married January 21, in the year of Our Lord 1813

#### Children

George Halcomb November 20, 1813 Amos Halcomb July 10, 1816 Frances Ann Halcomb November 6, 1818 James A. Halcomb March 5, 1821 William M. Halcomb April 21, 1826 Sally Halcomb May 6, 1824 Hiram Halcomb, Jr. July 21, 1826 Leonard W. Halcomb October 1, 1831 Martha Margaret Halcomb February 1, 1831 Isabella Halcomb January 19, 1833 Warren Halcomb September 7, 1835 Benjamin F. Halcomb January 29, 1838 Mary Agnes Halcomb March 9, 1840

Our twins were born July 17, 1842. One died same night, and the little girl died August 4, 1842

Elizabeth Burks-Halcomb was born November 15, 1845. She was half sister to the above named children

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#### Deaths

Isabella Halcomb departed this life on the 16th of October In the hope of a blessed immortality beyond the grave. Age 45 years 7 months in the year 1843

Sarah A. Sivley died April 15, 1845 age 20 years 11 months and 9 days

Hiram Halcomb, Sr. died March 20, 1869 in the 80th year of his life in the hope of a immortality beyond the grave

Our Family Record

Hiram Halcomb and Caroline Mildred Newland were married Feb. 15, 1859

Hiram Halcomb passed away January 14, 1902

Caroline M. Halcomb passed away July 1, 1909

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# OUTLINE OF RECORDS - AMOS AND ISABELLA (SIVLEY) HALCOMB

# Christian County, Ky.

- Amos Halcomb was enumerated in the Federal census as head of a household. 1
  - A daughter, born Nov. 4, 1840, died Nov. 9, 1840, was buried in the Sivley family cemetery on Canton Road,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Hopkinsville.<sup>2</sup>

## Simpson County, Ky.

1843 - Feb. 20 - A son, Joseph Sivley Halcomb, was born in Simpson County. 3

Apr. 7 - Amos and Isabella Halcomb "of Simpson County" sold a tract of land in Christian County.4

1846 - Feb. 21 - Amos and Isabel C. W. Halcomb "of Simpson County" sold their right, title and claim of dowry right of Elizabeth Sivley, "being part of the estate of Joseph Sivley."

Dec. 13 - A son, Hiram Marcellus Halcomb, was born in Simpson County. 6

Graves County, Ky.

1849 - May 18 - A son, Virgil Eli Halcomb, was born in Graves County. 7

1850 - Aug. 12 - Amos Holcomb was enumerated in the Federal census as the head of a household in District 2, Family 252-252.

<sup>1</sup>Page 218.

<sup>2</sup>Tombstone inscription.

<sup>3</sup>mJoseph S. Halcomb, "History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri (St. Joseph, Mo.: National Historical Co., 1883), pp. 646-47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. 27, p. 299.

<sup>5</sup>Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. 29, p. 418.

<sup>6&</sup>quot;Hiram M. Halcomb, 1846-1917," <u>Cass County Democrat</u> (Harrisonville, Mo.), Oct. 18, 1917, p. 6.

<sup>7&</sup>quot;Virgil Eli Halcomb," Liberty Tribune (Liberty, Mo.), June 14, 1929, p. 10.

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1850 - Aug. 29 - Amos Halcomb was listed as a slaveowner in the Slaveowners

Schedule of the Federal census.

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1852 - May 19 - A son, Amos Bush Halcomb, was born in Graves County.<sup>2</sup>

# Linn County, Mo.

1855 - The Amos Halcomb family moved to Linn County in 1855 and lived there one year. 3

## Cass County, Mo.

1856 - Sept. 3 - Amos Halcomb entered 80 acres in Cass County,

Dec. 6 - Amos Halcomb entered 40 acres in Cass County.4

1858 - Sept. 11- A daughter, Elizabeth Edella Halcomb, was born in Garden City.5

1860 - July 9 - When the Federal census was taken, Amos Holcomb was enumerated in Sugar Creek Township as the head of a household, Family 456-456.

1861 - Oct. 26 - Amos Halcomb bought 80 acres in Cass County.6

1865 - Amos Halcomb was candidate for the office of County Justice. 7

1867 - July 7 - Amos Halcomb was security on a note.8

1868 - Mar. 10 - Amos and Isabella C. W. Halcomb "of Cass County" sold 40

<sup>1</sup>Page 151.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Vital Statistics, Graves County, Ky., 1852-1861, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort.

<sup>3&</sup>quot;H. M. Halcomb," in Allen Glenn, <u>History of Cass County, Missouri</u> (Topeka, Cleveland: Historical Publishing Co., 1917), pp. 541-42; "Hiram M. Halcomb, 1846-1917," <u>Cass County Democrat</u> (Harrisonville, Mo.), Oct. 18, 1917, p. 6; "Virgil Eli Halcomb," <u>Liberty Tribune</u> (Liberty, Mo.), June 14, 1929, p. 10.

<sup>40</sup>riginal Entry Book, p. 17, in office of Cass County Clerk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Death certificate, Elizabeth E. Lusby, who died July 17, 1944, Nevada, Mo.

<sup>6</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. O, p. 36.

<sup>7</sup>History and Directory of Cass County, Missouri (Harrisonville, Mo.: Cass County Leader, 1908), p. 85.

<sup>8</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. T, p. 80.

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- acres.1
- 1870 Sept. 3 When the Federal census was taken, Amos Halcomb was enumerated in Index Township as the head of a household, Family 51-50.
- 1875 Mar. 23 Amos Halcomb and his brother, William M. were securities on a school mortgage bond.<sup>2</sup>
- 1880 June 7 When the Federal census was taken, Amos Holcomb and his daughter Elizabeth were living in Index Township, Family 90-95.
- 1882 Feb. 10 Amos Halcomb "of Cass County" gave 80 acres to his son Virgil. 3
  - Feb. 10 Amos Halcomb "of Cass County" gave 80 acres to his son James

    "except a home for life for the said Amos Halcomb and all the
    surplus fruit on the above described premises."
  - Feb. 22 Amos Halcomb "of Cass County" was trustee in a transaction between two of his sons.<sup>5</sup>
- 1885 Aug. 31 Amos Halcomb witnessed a power of attorney made between two of his sons.6
- 1886 Jan. 15 Amos Halcomb "of Cass County" gave his son James a quitclaim deed to the same land conveyed on Feb. 10, 1882.

<sup>1</sup> Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. U, p. 610.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 7, p. 249.

<sup>3</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 48, p. 193.

<sup>4</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 48, p. 201.

<sup>5</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 45, p. 219.

<sup>6</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 68, p. 620.

<sup>7</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 54, p. 391.

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# OUTLINE OF RECORDS - WILLIAM AND FRANCINA (SIVLEY) HALCOMB

## Graves County, Ky.

- 1847 July 20 A daughter was born "in what was known as the 'Indian Purchase,'
  a strip of country between Kentucky and Tennessee."
- 1848 Feb. 12 William M. and Francina C. Halcomb "of Graves County" sold a tract of land in Christian County.<sup>2</sup>
- 1850 Jan. 5 William M. and Francina C. Halcomb "of Graves County" sold all interest and claim to the entire home tract of land in Christian County. 3
- 1850 Aug. 11 W. M. Holcomb was enumerated in the Federal census as the head of a household in District 2, Family 223-223.

#### Todd County, Ky.

- 1854 Feb. 3 William Holcomb "of Todd County" bought a tract of land in that county.4
- 1855 Feb. 2 William and Frances C. Holcomb "of Todd County" sold a tract of land in that county.<sup>5</sup>
- 1855 Mar. 15 A son, Henry Amos Halcomb, was born in Todd County.6

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1855 - The William Halcomb family moved in 1855 from Todd County, Ky.

<sup>1&</sup>quot;Miss Leona Halcomb's Death," <u>Liberty Advance</u> (Liberty, Mo.), Oct. 11, 1926, p. 2. This record was included here since Graves County was in the Kentucky portion of the land bought from the Chickasaw Indians, known as The Purchase or the Jackson Purchase.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. 31, p. 265.

<sup>3</sup>Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. 32, p. 596.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Todd County, Ky. Deed Bk. W, p. 116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Todd County, Ky. Deed Bk. X, p. 65.

<sup>6</sup>Harry A. Holcomb, "In Memoriam," <u>Liberty Tribune</u> (Liberty, Mo.), Aug. 2, 1895, p. 3.

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to Illinois where they lived until the fall of 1856, when they moved to Cass County, Mo. 1

## Cass County, Mo.

- 1857 May 30 William M. Halcomb entered 320 acres in Cass County.<sup>2</sup>
- 1860 July 9 When the Federal census was taken, William Holcomb was enumerated as the head of a household in Sugar Creek Township, Family 455-455.
- 1866 July 13 W. M. and F. C. Halcomb "of Cass County" sold 80 acres in the county.3
- 1867 Aug. -- William Holcomb "of Cass County" bought 160 acres in the county.4
- 1370 Aug. 23 When the Federal census was taken, William N. Halcomb, Family 8-10, was enumerated as the head of a household in Camp Branch Township.
  - Nov. 29 William M. and Francina C. Halcomb "of Cass County" sold a tract of land in Cass and Johnson Counties.<sup>5</sup>

## Clay County. Mo.

- 1876 -- Nov. 10 William M. and Francina C. Halcomb "of Clay County" sold the remainder of their land in Cass County.
- 1880 June 16 When the Federal census was taken, William M. Halcomb was

  June 17

  enumerated as the head of a household, Family 124-126, living

Harry A. Holcomb, "In Memoriam," <u>Liberty Tribune</u> (Liberty, Mo.), Aug. 2, 1895, p. 3.

<sup>20</sup>riginal Entry Book, p. 19, in office of Cass County Clerk.

<sup>3</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. Q, p. 561.

<sup>4</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 2, p. 437.

<sup>5</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 3, p. 433.

<sup>6</sup>Cass County, Mo. Deed Bk. 21, p. 372.

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in the eastern part of Liberty Township.

- 1882 Feb. 2 William M. and Francina C. Halcomb "of Clay County" bought part of a lot in the City of Liberty. 1
- 1892 Sept. 7 -- William M. and Francina C. Halcomb "of Clay County" sold part of the above lot to their daughter, Floy V. Millen.<sup>2</sup>
- 1906 June 12 William M. Halcomb "of Clay County," "a single man being a widower," sold the remainder of the lot purchased in 1882, to his son-in-law, Gideon T. Millen.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Clay County, Mo. Deed Bk. 54, p. 142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Clay County, Mo. Deed Bk. 97, p. 274.

<sup>3</sup>Clay County, Mo. Deed Bk. 148, p. 438.

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### THE SIVLEY FAMILY

OF

# CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KY.

Joseph Sivley, who settled in Christian County, Ky. in 1816, was one of the fourteen or fifteen children born to Joseph and Catharine Sievely of Shenandoah County, Va. Joseph Sievely, Sr. died in Shenandoah County in 1782; five or six years later his widow moved to Rockingham County, Va., where she died about 1804.

Joseph Sivley, Jr., born in September, 1766, <sup>4</sup> lived in Shenandoah County and in Rockingham County, <sup>5</sup> where he was married in 1804 to Elizabeth Harry, <sup>6</sup> daughter of John and Elizabeth (Saylor) Harry. <sup>7</sup>

The 15th child may have been Ann, recorded as daughter of Katherine Seevely in Harry M. Strickler, Old Tenth Legion Marriages (Dayton, Va.: Joseph K. Ruebush Co., 1928), p. 103. Ann was not listed as a sister by John Sievely in his Will, nor as a child of Joseph Sievely in the settlement of his estate (Shenandoah County, Va. Wills: Bk. A, p. 392, Bk. B, p. 197).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Administrators Bond dated Nov. 28, 1782 (Shenandoah County, Va. Will Bk. A, p. 449.

Rockingham County, Va. Deed Bk. 000, p. 365. John W. Wayland, <u>Virginia Valley Records</u> (Strasburg, Va.: Shenandoah Publishing House, Inc., 1930), pp. 44, 101. Tax records, Shenandoah and Rockingham Counties, Va. (Virginia State Library, Richmond).

<sup>4</sup>See n. 2, p. 48.

<sup>5</sup>Harry M. Strickler, <u>Tenth Legion Tithables</u> (Luray, Va., 1930), p. 26. Lyman Chalkley, <u>Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia</u> (3 vols.; Rosslyn, Va.: Commonwealth Printing Co., 1912), II, 30-31. Rockingham County, Va. Deeds: Bk. 00, p. 54, Bk. 0000, p. 108.

<sup>6</sup>Marriage bond. See <u>Virginia Valley Records</u>, p. 37 and <u>Old Tenth Legion</u>
Marriages, p. 104.

<sup>7</sup>Washington County, Md. marriages in Gaius M. Brumbaugh, Marvland Records (Lancaster, Pa.: Lancaster Press, Inc., 1928), II, 531. Baptismal records, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, Md. Washington County, Md. Deed Bk. G, pp. 285, 286. Tenth Legion Tithables, p. 29. Rockingham County, Va. Deeds: Bk. 4, pp. 97-98, Bk. 5, pp. 46, 146.

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Joseph and Elizabeth Sivley, who moved from Rockingham County, Va. to Christian County, Ky., were the parents of eleven children, three of whom married children of Hiram Halcomb.

Samuel H. Sivley m. 1827 Parthena W. Hill\*

Drusilla Sivley m. 1st 1832 James Simmons\*

2nd Thomas V. Walters

Abeline Sivley m. 1833 Emsley Wiley\*

Elizabeth R. Sivley m. 1st 1833 Joshua H. Shields\*

2nd 1838 George Henry Erb<sup>2</sup>

Eli H. Sivley m. 1st 1840 Sarah A. Halcomb (see p. 19)

2nd 1850 Sappho E. Bostick\*

Susan Ann Sivley m. William B. Compton<sup>3</sup>

Durinda Sivley m. William Tatum<sup>4</sup>

Isabella C. W. Sivley m. 1839 Amos Halcomb (see p. 14)

Francina C. Sivley m. 1846 William M. Halcomb (see p. 17)

Henrietta L. Sivley m. 1840 Sevier W. Roberts\*

Mary G. Sivley m. 1861 Asa Boaz<sup>5</sup>

The name of Joseph Sivley appears on the tax rolls of Christian County, Ky. in  $1816^6$  and his first purchase of land in the county was in 1816—a tract

<sup>\*</sup>Marriages recorded in Christian County, Ky. Marriage Bks. 1 and 2.

Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. Z, p. 305.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Fulton County, Ill. Marriage Bk. A, p. 49.

<sup>3</sup>Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. Y, p. 313.

<sup>4</sup>Christian County, Ky. Will Bk. H, p. 444; Deed Bk. W, p. 449.

<sup>5</sup>McDonough County, Ill. Marriage Bk. D, #1533.

<sup>6700</sup> acres of third class land on Little River; total valuation, \$4,500; 1 white over 21, 1 black over 16, 2 total blacks, 3 horses, mares, etc. (Tax records, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort).

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estimated at 1,000 acres, on the waters of Sinking Fork of Little River.

Thirty-two transactions made by Joseph Sivley, 1816-19, 1821-22, 1825-32, are recorded in the Christian County deeds.

Joseph Sivley died on September 15, 1833 in Christian County, Ky. and was buried in the Sivley family cemetery on Canton Road,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Hopkinsville. His tombstone inscription is copied below.

In
memory of
JOSEPH SIVLEY
born in Sept 1766
died Sept 15th 1832
aged 66 years
The boast of heraldry
The pomp of power
And all that beauty
All that wealth can give
awaits alike
The inevitable hour
The paths of glory lead
But to the grave2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Bk. G, pp. 263, 267, 268, 285, 455; Bk. H, pp. 129, 155, 159, 204; Bk. I, pp. 271, 614; Bk. K, p. 71 (2); Bk. L, p. 415; Bk. N, pp. 79, 423; Bk. O, p. 2; Bk. Q, pp. 155, 188, 189, 268, 417, 477, 653; Bk. R, pp. 353, 481; Bk. S, pp. 258, 284, 408, 465; Bk. T, p. 282; Bk. U, p. 119.

Other records of Joseph and Elizabeth Sivley:

Rockingham County, Va. Deeds: 1818, "of Rockingham County, Va." (Bk. 2, p. 250); 1819, "of Christian County, Ky." (Bk. 5, p. 46).

Trigg County, Ky. Deeds: 1822 (Bk. A, p. 241), 1827 (Bk. C, p. 86), "of Christian County, Ky."

William Henry Perrin (ed.), <u>County of Christian</u>, <u>Kentucky</u> (Chicago and Louisville: F. A. Battey Publishing Co., 1884), pp. 219, 281.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>From the records below, it is apparent there is a one-year error in the death date on the tombstone of Joseph Sivley (and consequently, perhaps a one-year error in his birth date):

<sup>(</sup>a) Settlement of Estate of Joseph Sivley: Sept. 16, 1833, "To cherry coffin" (Voucher 1); invoice of Dr. John A. Steele covering services to Joseph Sivley and family, Sept. 11-Oct. 1, 1833 (Voucher 33); notes given by Joseph Sivley dated Nov. 1, 1832, Jan. 1, 1833 (2), Mar. 4, 1833, Sept. 7, 1833 (Vouchers 2, 5, 8, 9, 34) (Christian County, Ky. Will Bk. H, pp. 431, 434, 435, 441, 442).

<sup>(</sup>b) On Apr. 2, 1833, John Cain appeared before the Christian County, Ky. Court to make application for pension for Revolutionary War service and stated: "He will name Capt Danil Henry, Col Wm Henry and Joseph Sively who live in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity" (Pension file R 1 587, Record Group 15A, National Archives).

<sup>(</sup>c) On October 27, 1832, Joseph and Elizabeth Sivley gave two tracts of

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Elizabeth Sivley, whose tombstone or death date has not been found, died in Christian County, Ky. between October 11, 1850 and February 18, 1860.

1When the 1850 Federal census was taken, Elizabeth Sivley was enumerated in the household of her son, Eli H. Sivley, Family 842-905, District 1, Christian County, Ky.

Sevier W. and Henrietta L. (Sivley) Roberts sold to Eli H. Sivley in 1860, their interest in a tract of land in Christian County "on which Joseph Sivley lived at the time of his death and which was given to his widow Elizabeth Sivley as her dower portion and on which she lived at the time of her death" (Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. 40, p. 478).

land to James and Drusilla Simmons "for natural love & affection they bear towards their said daughter Drusilla Simmons and also for the love and regard they have to their son in law the said James Simmons" (Christian County, Ky. Deed Bk. T, p. 282).

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#### RECORDS TO SUPPORT BIRTHDATE OF 1789

#### FOR HIRAM HALCOMB

Two birthdates were found for Hiram Halcomb:

Sept. 21, 1790, in record of Mrs. Edward Moretine (see Appendix A).

Sept. 21, 1793, in McPherson's <u>The Holcombes</u>, and in letter from Mrs. Addie Shomaker. 1

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Hiram Halcomb's year of birth can be estimated from nine records.

		Age Recorded	Estimated Birth Date
1. 1820 census		26-45	1775-1794
2. 1830 census		40–50	1780-1790
3. 1840 census		50-60	1780-1790
	<u>Date</u>		(Assume Sept. 21 as Birthday)
4. 1850 census	8-20-1850	59	1790
5. Declaration for Bounty Land	12-3-1855	66	1789
6. 1860 census	7-13-1860	70	1769
	Age at Death (3-20-1869)		
7. Entry in Bible of daughter	904h		1700
Mary Justice	80th yr.		1789
8. Record of Mrs. Edward Moretine	80th yr.		1789
9. Record of Mrs. Addie Shomaker	80 yrs.		1788

<sup>1</sup>Mrs. Addie Shomaker of Mexico, Mo., granddaughter of William M. Halcomb (1822-1910), may have been the source of McPherson's date since two letters written by her in 1944 were used as references for McPherson's section on Hiram Halcomb.

Letter, January, 1959, from Mrs. Addie Shomaker also included the following:
Hiram Halcomb Sr. and Isabell Halcomb were married
Jan. 21st in the year of Our Lord 1813
Hiram Sr. Halcomb died Mar. 20th 1869 at the age of
80 yrs.

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The weight of evidence for birthdate of 1789 for Hiram Halcomb lies (1) in his Declaration for Bounty Land made on Dec. 3, 1855, at which time he stated that he was 66 years of age; and (2) in the entry made by his daughter, Mary Justice, in her Bible: "Hiram Halcomb departed this life March 20th 1869 ... in the 80th year of his age."

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